

ABSTRACT

5      An optical interconnection system, particularly useful in a backplane arrangement in an electronic assembly. The interconnection system includes “dual-use” protective covers for protection from damage and/or cleaning within backplane and daughter card style connectors. The protective covers are modular for easy use. Some versions contain adhesive members that can remove contaminants from various portions of the connector assembly. The protective covers can be inserted into a backplane connector of an electronic assembly using a tool or as part of a “dummy board.”